

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 3

THURSDAY, 10 MAY 1990

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Aldred, Mr Beale, Dr Blewett, Mr Braithwaite, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Campbell, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Gear, Mr Holding, Mrs Kelly, Mr Lloyd, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Peacock, Mr Prosser, Mr Scholes and Mr Sinclair, from 99, 24, 82, 265, 249, 62, 28, 34, 101, 15, 12, 35, 436, 37, 85, 29 and 8 petitioners, respectively, praying that policies be implemented to increase Australian aid, fight poverty, protect the environment and promote human rights.
- Mr Andrew, Mr Baldwin, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Dubois, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hall, Mr Halverson, Mr Holding, Mr Kerr, Mr Lindsay, Mr MacKellar, Mr Scholes and Mr Simmons, from 50, 24, 20, 11, 48, 24, 136, 334, 12, 109, 84, 369 and 11 petitioners, respectively, praying that an International Earth Repair Action Decade begin on 5 June 1990.
- Mr Aldred, Mr Dobie, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Jull, Mr A. A. Morris, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Taylor and Mr Webster, from 427, 22, 10, 251, 31, 10, 46, 151 and 817 petitioners, respectively, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and certain other action be taken to protect the right to life of the unborn.
- Mr Aldred, Mr Beale, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Gear, Mr Halverson and Mr Reith, from 322, 197, 12, 108, 51 and 96 petitioners, respectively, praying that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child not be ratified.
- Mr Burr, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Kerr, Mr Miles and Mr Smith, from 91, 16, 69, 98 and 112 petitioners, respectively, praying that Government funding of abortion be abolished.
- Mr Baldwin, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Holding and Mr Truss, from 60, 40, 20 and 240 petitioners, respectively, praying that the restructuring of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be reconsidered.
- Mr Webster, from 75 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Dr Charlesworth, Mr Gear, Mr Langmore and Mr P. F. Morris, from 35, 75, 15 and 10 petitioners, respectively, praying that support for the capital gains tax be maintained.
- Mr Aldred, Mr Beale and Mr Holding, from 8, 252 and 9 petitioners, respectively, praying that proposed legislation which would require companies to assess their taxable income within 15 days of the end of a financial year not be passed.

- Mr Aldred and Mr Nugent, from 53 and 15 petitioners, respectively, praying that goods and services used in the provision of education programs at Neighbourhood Houses and Community Learning Centres be exempted from sales tax.
- Mr Anderson and Mr Sharp, from 23 and 43 petitioners, respectively, praying that the allocation to roads from fuel excise revenue be increased by 10 cents per litre from existing taxes and continue at that level for the next decade with adjustments for changes in fuel prices.
- Mr Baldwin and Mr Punch, from 964 and 13 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain action be taken to bring about the end of the civil war in El Salvador.
- Dr H. R. Edwards and Dr Hewson, from 13 and 37 petitioners, respectively, praying that legislation to ensure mandatory inclusion of time of birth on birth certificates registered within Australia and its territories be introduced and passed.
- Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Taylor, from 11 and 70 petitioners, respectively, praying that legislation which makes superannuation funds pay capital gains tax be repealed.
- Mr Johns and Ms McHugh, from 70 and 617 petitioners, respectively, praying that any attempt to restrict access to abortion under Medicare be opposed.
- Mr A. A. Morris and Mr Ruddock, from 86 and 192 petitioners, respectively, praying that the provision of an adequately funded pharmaceutical benefits scheme which ensures availability of pharmaceutical benefits through local pharmacies be guaranteed.
- Mr Prosser and Mr Shack, from 20 and 1549 petitioners, respectively, praying that the continued viability of neighbourhood pharmaceutical services be guaranteed by an adequately funded Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
- Mr Aldred, from 18 petitioners, praying that the importation and possession of child pornography be made a criminal offence and certain other action be taken in relation to pornography in the ACT.
- Mr Anderson, from 41 petitioners, praying that construction of a third runway at Kingsford-Smith Airport and upgrading of existing radar and traffic control facilities be approved immediately.
- Mr Andrew, from 436 petitioners, praying that the necessary legislative action be taken to promote conservation and protect the environment.
- Mr Andrew, from 560 petitioners, praying that due consideration be given to increasing the amount of funds available to local government authorities for roadworks.
- Mr Baldwin, from 694 petitioners, praying that construction of a third runway at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport be prohibited, funds be committed for construction of an international airport at Badgery's Creek by 1994 and the 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew on flights be restored.
- Mr Baldwin, from 502 petitioners, praying that a third runway at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport not be constructed and funds be provided for the construction of an international airport at Badgery's Creek.
- Mr Baldwin, from 39 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to disassociate Australia from Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge.
- Mr Braithwaite, from 286 petitioners, praying that the wording of popular and rock music be reviewed by the censorship board.
- Mr Cameron, from 121 petitioners, praying that road funding levels be increased through a clear dedication of a proportion of fuel excise collected and certain other action be taken in relation to road funding arrangements.
- Mr Cameron, from 99 petitioners, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

- Mr Cameron, from 58 petitioners, praying that the excessive reliance on high interest rates as the major economic policy weapon cease.
- Mr Cameron, from 15 petitioners, praying that action to reverse rising cost trends be taken and positive incentives provided to encourage all health funds to share the cost of health care for the sick and elderly.
- Mr Campbell, from 49 members of the Port Hedland Sub Section of the Naval Association of Australia and the Port Hedland Sub Branch of the RSL, praying that the \$100 000 ceiling on workers compensation payments to former members of the RAN be removed and compensation adjusted proportionally.
- Mr Charles, from 20 motorcycling citizens of Australia, praying that representatives of motorcycle clubs be consulted before any action is taken concerning compulsory "lights-on" legislation.
- Mr Courtice, from 103 petitioners, praying that steps be taken to maintain both high quality health care for the community and equity for community pharmacists.
- Dr H. R. Edwards, from 60 petitioners, praying that the Pacific Highway be patrolled by police continually, 7 days a week, in marked cars.
- Dr H. R. Edwards, from 24 petitioners, praying that legislation be passed to deny industrial relations commissions the power to compulsorily direct award superannuation contributions into specified funds.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 133 petitioners, praying that an equitable financial remuneration be granted to pharmacists for dispensing prescriptions under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 29 petitioners, praying that the Shark Bay region, WA, be declared a national park and nominated for World Heritage listing.
- Mr Free, from 1089 petitioners, praying for the immediate approval of a seeding grant of \$100m to the University of Western Sydney, Nepean, and that the level of per capita funding be reconsidered.
- Mr Halverson, from 20 petitioners, praying for the implementation of a breast cancer screening and education program which is covered by Medicare and accessible to all Australian women.
- Mr Simmons, from 24 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Hand, from 12 petitioners, praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Hawker, from 19 petitioners, praying that the funding of road works be given higher priority and certain other action be taken in relation to upgrading Australia's road network.
- Mr Hawker, from 16 residents of the Division of Wannon, praying that the incidence of crime and violence broadcast on television be reduced and tighter controls on the sale and classification of videos be introduced.
- Mr Holding, from 507 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to allow more Jewish people from the USSR to migrate to Australia.
- Mr Holding, from 151 petitioners, praying that the Abortion Funding Abolition Bill be supported.
- Mr Jones, from 50 petitioners, praying that all taxes on everyday consumer goods and homemaking items be removed.
- Mr Kerr, from 3189 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to discourage fishing with drift or purse seine nets.
- Mr Langmore, from 67 petitioners, praying that the film and subsequent videos of *The Last Temptation of Christ* be banned from Australia.
- Mr Lloyd, from 24 petitioners, praying that access to SBS be extended to the Goulburn Valley and Southern Riverina district.

- Mr McGauran, from 7000 petitioners, praying that every effort be made to ensure that no bush nursing centre, hospital or nursing home is forced to close for financial reasons.
- Mr Miles, from 100 petitioners, praying that the current levels of funding in all areas of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be guaranteed.
- Mr P. F. Morris, from 61 petitioners, praying that requests from pharmacists to increase dispensing charges to pensioners or concession holders be rejected.
- Mr Nehl, from 45 454 petitioners, praying that funds be provided to enable the Pacific Highway to be made into a four lane, divided dual carriageway from Hexham, NSW, to the Queensland border.
- Mr O'Keefe, from 307 petitioners, praying for legislation for the reintroduction of glass milk bottles.
- Mr Peacock, from 668 petitioners, praying that legislation be enacted to establish a savings fund to encourage saving by young people and to provide low interest housing loans to its contributors.
- Mr Reith, from 12 petitioners, praying that the recommendations in the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters concerning advertising by political parties on radio and television be rejected.
- Mr Sciacca, from 1075 petitioners, praying that cross runway 14/32 at Brisbane Airport be upgraded for use by planes of all sizes and that no runway parallel to the main runway be built.
- Mr Simmons, from 18 petitioners, praying that Australia withdraw from the Asian Regional Co-operative Project on Food Irradiation and from the International Consultative Group on Food Irradiation and certain other action be taken in relation to food irradiation.
- Mr Taylor, from 241 petitioners, praying that the recommendation of the award of a posthumous Victoria Cross to Squadron Leader Owen Price be reviewed and reasons provided if the award is not made.

Petitions received.

- 3 PARLIAMENTARY ENTITLEMENTS BILL 1990:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

*Papers:* Mr West, by leave, presented the following papers:

Postage entitlement of Members of Parliament—High Court decision—  
Copies of—

Media release from Mr West, Minister for Administrative Services, dated 1 March 1990.

Minute from Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant General Manager, Parliamentary and Ministerial Services Group, Department of Administrative Services, to Minister for Administrative Services, dated 2 March 1990.

Letter from Mr A. A. Hillier, Acting Secretary, Department of Administrative Services, to Mr S. F. Skehill, Australian Government Solicitor, dated 2 March 1990.

Memorandum from J. A. Mackay, Senior Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Administrative Services, to Mr A. Hillier, dated 12 March 1990.

Brief to Counsel to advise re decision of the High Court of Australia in *Brown v. West and Anor.*

Letter from Mr Bowen, Attorney-General, to Mr N. A. Brown, QC, MP.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 7, dated 9 May 1990, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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In the committee

Clauses 1 to 14, by leave, taken together.

Mr Peacock, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 3, page 2, lines 26-28, omit the definition of "Parliamentary officer", substitute the following definition:

"'Parliamentary office holder' means a member holding a particular office, or performing particular functions, in or in relation to the Parliament or either House of the Parliament;"

Clause 8, page 4, omit subclause (2).

Clause 10—

Page 4, lines 21 and 22, omit all words after "9 (1)," to the end of subclause (1), substitute "the determination shall prevail and the regulations are void to the extent of the inconsistency."

Page 4, omit subclause (2).

Clause 13, page 4, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

"13. The *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* is amended by inserting after section 7 the following section:

**Determinations of Tribunal continue in force until varied or disallowed**

'7AA. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that a determination under section 7 continues in force unless and until the determination is varied by the Tribunal or is disallowed by either House of the Parliament, notwithstanding the omission from a notice under subsection 7(4) or the lack of referral again of such matter to the Tribunal by the Minister.'

Clause 14, page 5, lines 10-15, omit "the amount (if any) by which:

(a) in the case of a Senator—\$9,462; or

(b) in the case of a Member of the House of Representatives—\$30,982; exceeds the amount", substitute "the amount (if any) by which \$9,000 exceeds the amount".

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mrs Sullivan, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

Mr Aldred	Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Anderson	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mrs Bailey	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr Mack	Mr Shack
Mr Bradford	Mr Filing	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mr Sinclair
Mr Broadbent	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Burr	Mr Ford	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr Cadman	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nugent	Mr Truss
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr Chaney	Mr Halverson*	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Charles	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Riggall	

## NOES, 74

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sawford
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Scholes
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Mr Jones	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bilney	Mr Ferguson	Mrs Kelly	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear*	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Dr Catley	Mr Gibson	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Courtice	Mr Grace*	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Ms Crawford	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	Mr Walker
Mr Crean	Mr Hand	Mr Melham	Mr West
Mr Crosio	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Darling	Mr Hollis	Mr Newell	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howe	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mr Hulls	Mr O'Neil	
Mr Duffy	Mr Humphreys	Mr Price	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Clauses agreed to.

Schedule 1—

Mr Peacock moved the following amendment: Page 6, Part 1, item 3, omit "amount of \$9,462 in the case of a Senator or \$30,982 in the case of a Member of the House of Representatives", substitute "amount of \$9,000".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the schedule—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mrs Sullivan, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 74

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sawford
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Scholes
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Mr Jones	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bilney	Mr Ferguson	Mrs Kelly	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear*	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Dr Catley	Mr Gibson	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Courtice	Mr Grace*	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Ms Crawford	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	Mr Walker
Mr Crean	Mr Hand	Mr Melham	Mr West
Mrs Crosio	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Darling	Mr Hollis	Mr Newell	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howe	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mr Hulls	Mr O'Neil	
Mr Duffy	Mr Humphreys	Mr Price	

## NOES. 64

Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Riggall
Mr Anderson	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Rocher
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ronaldson
Mrs Bailey	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Bradford	Mr Filing	Mr Mack	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
Mr Broadbent	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McLachlan	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Ford	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr Carlton	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Chaney	Mr Hall	Mr Nugent	Mr Truss
Mr Charles	Mr Halverson*	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reid	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedule agreed to.

Schedule 2 debated.

Question—That the schedule be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mrs Sullivan, in the Chair)—

## AYES. 74

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sawford
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Scholes
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Mr Jones	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bilney	Mr Ferguson	Mrs Kelly	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
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Mr Crean	Mr Hand	Mr Melham	Mr West
Mrs Crosio	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Darling	Mr Hollis	Mr Newell	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howc	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mr Hulls	Mr O'Neil	
Mr Duffy	Mr Humphreys	Mr Price	

## NOES. 65

Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Anderson	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr B. C. Scott
Mrs Bailey	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr Mack	Mr Sharp
Mr Bradford	Mr Filing	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mr Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
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Mr Chaney	Mr Halverson*	Mr Prosser	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Charles	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Riggall	
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mrs Sullivan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 4 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Mr Newell presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the committee appointed on 8 May 1990, which was read by the Clerk, as follows:

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr Newell moved—That the Address be agreed to.

Mr Gibson seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mrs Crosio), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 5 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of sessional order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

*Papers:* Mr Connolly, by leave, presented the following papers:

Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference—Resolution—The promotion of peace and security in the Mediterranean region in the light of the developments in Europe and the new spirit prevailing internationally—

Annex XXI—Vote on the proposal of the Australian group.

Annex XXIV—Vote on the resolution.

Debate continued.

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 6 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.

- 7 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 8 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

**SYSTEM:** The House was informed that Mr Howard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The fundamental need to change Australia's industrial relations system if real progress on microeconomic reform is to be achieved".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 9 **SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER 48A AND STANDING ORDER 103:** Mr

Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That sessional order 48A (adjournment of House) and standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for all sittings up to and including Thursday, 17 May 1990.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 **TRAINING GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1990:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) presented a Bill for an Act

relating to the establishment and administration of the Training Guarantee Scheme, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Dawkins moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper:* Mr Dawkins presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Training Guarantee (Administration) 1990.

Training Guarantee 1990.

Debate adjourned (Mr Howard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 TRAINING GUARANTEE BILL 1990:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a charge equal to any shortfall in the amount spent by employers on training employees.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Dawkins moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Howard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 TARIFF PROPOSALS:** Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business and Customs) moved—

Excise Tariff Proposals No. 1 (1990); and

Customs Tariff (Uranium Concentrate Export Duty) Proposals No. 1 (1990).

Debate adjourned (Mr Chaney), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 13 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Walker), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP:** Mr Simmons (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.: Mr Cameron, Mr Gorman, Mr Hollis, Mr O'Neil, Mr B. C. Scott and Mr Taylor.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1989-90:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr Reith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House notes:

- (1) the worrying relaxation of fiscal policy, as signalled by additional gross expenditure since the 1989 Budget of over \$1 billion;

- (2) that the Hawke/Keating Government should immediately formulate a tighter fiscal strategy involving budget cutbacks;
- (3) that this strategy should be accompanied by the announcement of a comprehensive anti-inflation strategy that must include extensive labour market and microeconomic reform; and
- (4) that the Australian economy cannot hope to deal with its stagflationary problems and enormous growth in foreign debt unless the Government adopts a tighter fiscal strategy and a comprehensive anti-inflation strategy as matters of urgency".

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Staples—Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.53 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 May 1990:

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1990—

No. 70—Vehicle Allowance and other allowances.

No. 71—Travelling Allowance.

No. 73—Temporary Accommodation Allowance and Rental and Utilities Contribution.

Superannuation Act—Determination under subsection 153AC (3)—1990—  
No. 33.

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**ATTENDANCE:** All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andrew and Mr Wilson.

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**A. R. BROWNING**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives